**NATIONAL ASTHMA RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**PhD SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applicants for Asthma Australia PhD Scholarships are assessed on the extent to which they address the three (3) criteria below. Please refer to Asthma Australia’s [National Asthma Research Program](https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/AA-NARP_2020_Web.pdf) priority areas when assessing applications. The category descriptors provide peer reviewers with some benchmarks for appropriately scoring each application.

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| **Category Descriptions** | Mark | Weight |
| Academic record and research achievement (relative to opportunity), signified by: | | |
| * Academic record * Medals, prizes and awards * Publications * Presentations, including posters and presentations * Broader community engagement * Industry relevant experience * Supervisor and Independent Referee reports | Outstanding (4) | **50%** |
| Very good (3) |
| Satisfactory (2) |
| Poor/limited (1) |
| Impact and quality of proposed research and applicability to Asthma Australia’s National Asthma Research Program Priorities | | |
| * Has objectives that are **well-defined** * Is **very well** designed * Is **highly feasible** * Will make an **excellent** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations * Has a **strong** **focus** on **one or more** of the National Asthma Research Program priority areas | Outstanding (4) | **30%** |
| * Has objectives that are **clear** * Is **well** designed * Is **feasible** * Will make a **good** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations * Has a **focus** on the National Asthma Research Program priority area/s | Very good (3) |
| * Has objectives that are **adequately defined** * **Overall clear** research design**, but raises some concerns** * **Raises some concerns** with respect to feasibility * Will make a **satisfactory** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations * Has **some implications** for a National Asthma Research Program priority area | Satisfactory (2) |
| * Has objectives that are **unclear** * **Raises major concerns** with respect to the research design * **Raised major concerns** with respect to the feasibility * Will make a **limited** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations * Has **no implications** for a National Asthma Research Program priority area | Poor/limited (1) |
| The Research environment and supervisor: | | |
| * Are **well matched** to the applicant’s proposed project * Offer **high quality** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant * Offer **excellent** collaborative opportunities for the applicant * Offer **excellent** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills | Outstanding (4) | **20%** |
| * Are **suited** to the applicant’s proposed project * Offer **good quality** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant * Offer **good** collaborative opportunities for the applicant * Offer **good** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills | Very good (3) |
| * Are **somewhat suited** to the applicant’s proposed project * Offer **satisfactory** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant * Offer **satisfactory** collaborative opportunities for the applicant * Offer **satisfactory** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills | Satisfactory (2) |
| * Are **not suited** to the applicant’s proposed project * Offer **limited** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant * Offer **limited** collaborative opportunities for the applicant * Offer **limited** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills | Poor/limited (1) |